

In column 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is related to co-pending divisional reissue applications serial nos. 09/903,457; 09/903,091; 09/903,448; and 09/903,458. The present application is a reissue application of US patent no. 5,819,034.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention --

In column 1, line 8, please insert the following heading:

-- (2) Description of the Related Art --

In column 3, please delete lines 1-54, and in column 3, line 1, please insert the following new paragraphs:

-- Brief Summary of the Invention

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of facilitating ordering of an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server. An item is shown, described, or both, to a user via the client. The user is enabled to order the item by a single interaction with the client. In response to the single interaction with the client, an order for the item is caused to be placed.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of facilitating ordering of an item that includes providing a client with information to show, describe, or both, an item to a user. The user is enabled to order the item by a single interaction with the client.

According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer system to order an item. The system includes a data processing system to show, describe, or to both show and describe, an item to a user. The client enables the user to order the item by a single

interaction with the client and, in response to the single interaction, causes an order for the item to be placed.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer system to facilitate ordering of an item. The system includes a data source to provide a client with information to show, describe, or to both show and describe, an item to a user. The information source also provides the client with information to enable the user to order the item by a single interaction with the client.

According to further aspects of the present invention, there are also provided machine-readable medium embodying sequences of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering of an item according to any one of the above methods.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of facilitating ordering using a distributing computer system including at least one client and at least one server. The method includes showing, describing, or both, an offering to a user via the client. The user is enabled to order the offering by a single interaction with the client. In response to the single interaction with the client, an order relating to the offering is caused to be placed.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a method including providing a client with information to show, describe, or to both show and describe, an offering to a user. The user is enabled to order the offering by a single interaction with the client.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a computer system that includes a data processing system to show, describe, or both, an offering to a user. The computer system further includes a client to enable the user to order the item by a single interaction with the client and, in response to the single interaction, to cause an order for the offering to be placed.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a computer system that includes a data source to provide a client with information to show, describe, or both, an offering to a user. The computer system further includes an information source to provide a

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client with information to enable the user to order the offering by a single interaction with the client. --

In column 3, line 55, please insert the following heading:

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-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

In column 3, line 65, please insert the following heading:

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-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --.

In column 14, line 35, please insert the following heading:

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-- CLAIMS --.

In column 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 with the following paragraph:

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-- Client computers 24 and 26 also interact with their users, (not shown in order to simplify the drawing). In addition, client computers 24 and 26 are bidirectionally coupled to the central processing facility 60. Such links are optional, however. The only requirements for any client computer 20 are a way to interact with a user, and a connection to the transport mechanism 30.

Links to local computers, auxiliary data processing systems, and the central processing facility 60 are all optional, and need not be present in every one of the client computers 20. --

In column 7, please replace the last paragraph, beginning at line 66, with the following paragraph:

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-- For example, the distributed computing system illustrated in may be part of a widespread corporate computing system, and the server 10 may be located at a central location of that

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corporation. The client computer 22 may be located at a remote location, and the local computer 40 may be coupled to the personal computer network at that location. Workers at that location may store shared data (e.g. financial information) on the server connected to that network. The distributed computing function may include gathering local financial data from the client computers at the remote locations, processing that financial data and returning overall financial results to the client computers. In such an application, the executable code executing on the client computer 22 accesses the data from the local computer 40 (either from its attached mass storage 70 or through the network) through the I/O port, and sends it to the server computer 10 through the central processing facility 60. The server computer 10 continues its processing based on the information received from client computer 22 (and other client computers 20), and returns the results of that processing to the client computers 20 either through the central processing facility 60 or via the data stream on the transport mechanism 30. --

In column 14, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 26 with the following paragraph:

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-- A client computer 22 in a distributed computing system as illustrated in FIG. 1 does not need a mass storage device, or a large amount of RAM 212. Such a system decreases the cost of a client computer, and increases the functionality of the lower cost client computers. In addition, such a client computer has the option of participating in a distributed computing function, may join in the distributed computing function at any time (or may drop out and return later), and may participate at its own pace. --

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract: